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## Lancaster's Graded Schools

**Prospects Bright for a Successful Session--Largest Enrollment within History of the Schools--Important Committees Appointed--Fire Drill to be Practiced--Other Matters of Interest to Patrons and Pupils.**

Superintendent Bruce Craven has the city school system well in hand and there is every indication of a good year's work and numerous progressive improvements. Prof. Craven has in recent years made an exhaustive study of the best schools of America and he says that he believes he is to be given the right kind of support here in the effort to make the Lancaster school as good as the best.

The enrollment to date is 324 in the central school and 125 in the mill school, which is considerably larger than ever before. It is likely that many will yet enter and it is earnestly desired that they enter at once, as they will be required to pass examinations before entering after the classes have begun work.

The first school bell rings at eight o'clock, and at 8:45 the second bell rings and the pupils are required to go to their places. The teachers are at their desks at 8:30 and the chapel exercises begin promptly at nine o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to attend these exercises and to visit the school generally. There is a twenty-minute recess just before noon and the entire school is dismissed together at 2 o'clock with the exception of the first grade, which is excused an hour earlier.

The room on the left of the entrance has been fitted up for the Superintendent's office, and the opposite room is the library. A determined effort is to be made to furnish and equip the library so that it will be more attractive and valuable. The library committee is Mrs. T. Y. Williams, Miss Eloise Foster and Miss Marie Craig.

Another movement is for the improvement of the singing in school and particularly at chapel. Miss Nora Hough is chairman of this committee, and appropriate song books are to be ordered and the school drilled in suitable hymns and patriotic airs.

There are thirteen members of the tenth grade and it is therefore likely that this year there will be the largest graduating class in the history of the school. This grade is put upon its honor in deportment and every one in it is determined to be worthy of the confidence. They will form a class organization and take steps to improve the appearance of their room.

The teachers are to hold a regular monthly meeting and it is intended to make this meeting highly profitable and interesting. Mr. J. K. Connors is chairman

of a committee to report at a preliminary meeting next Friday as to a plan for the regular meetings, and this organization will doubtless result in much good in bringing all the teachers together and systematizing the work of the whole school.

The superintendent will begin the fire drill this week and this action on his part will meet with favor from all. The building is a model one in case of a fire but it is not possible to take too much precaution against this ever present danger. Prof. Craven says that with the fire drill perfected it is possible to get every child out of the building with all their books and everything else in one minute after the alarm is sounded.

Prof. Craven asks us to say for him that in his opinion a public school is not a reformatory or anything like it and that no children should be allowed to remain in it who are disorderly, thus allowing a dozen careless ones to disturb the work of several hundred. "The teachers are employed to teach, and parents will be expected to take the responsibility for making their children conform to the regulations."

The Hampton Literary Society was organized Friday and with the purpose to do even more good this year than ever before. It is composed of the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades, and Mr. John T. Green has offered a gold medal for the best declamation at the close of the year.

## Woman found with Throat Cut from Ear to Ear.

Charlotte special in Sunday's Columbia State: Cynthia Norman, a white woman about 34 years old, is in a dying condition at her home, five miles from this city, as a result of a slash across her throat, extending almost from ear to ear.

Much mystery surrounds the crime, as to whether it was an attempt at suicide or murder. It is believed, however, that the woman committed the deed, though she declares by signs, not being able to talk, that a tall man did it. Jim Ayers, a white man, who has been living at the Norman home, is in jail here on suspicion of having committed the deed to cover illicit relations with the woman, but the evidence points to the fact that he left the house before the cutting occurred.

(The woman died in a Charlotte hospital Sunday morning.)

## New Bank for Camden.

Camden special in the Columbia State: Your correspondent has just learned that application for a charter for a banking institution, to be capitalized at \$30,000 and known as the Loan and Savings bank, has been made by the following gentlemen: Capt. L. L. Clyburn, Messrs. W. R. Eve, Jr., J. H. Burns and T. J. Kirkland.

Misses Bessie and Margaret Leonard returned to Concord, N. C., yesterday, to resume their studies in the college there.

## Young Lady Murdered in Church--Stabbed While Playing Organ.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 13.—A special to The Observer from Newton says that a demoniacal murder was committed near that place this morning, when Miss Willie Bullinger, 19 years old, was stabbed to death by Lon Rader, aged 21. The girl was seated at the organ playing the closing hymn at Sunday school when suddenly Rader leaped across several benches and with his pocket knife stabbed her once in the back and twice in the breast. She died almost instantly.

Rader was arrested and is now in the Newton jail. Some months ago he was committed to the State insane asylum and in his ravings often mentioned Miss Bullinger's name. Recently he was discharged from the hospital as cured. The deed was probably prompted by unrequited love and seems to have been well planned, as the knife used was bought new only yesterday.

In jail this afternoon Rader said he killed the girl "because she was a witch."

## Charming Social Event in Kershaw.

Kershaw special in the Charleston Sunday News: Leap Year party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Gregory last Tuesday evening was a very enjoyable social affair. Some of the proposals presented in the contest would have done credit to much more experienced persons. The prize for the best proposal was awarded to Miss Irma Scull. In the second contest, Violets wedding, the prize was won by Miss Rosa Stover and Mr. John T. Stevenson.

Refreshments were served and the evening was enjoyed by all present. Nothing was omitted by the genial host and hostess and their assistants that could add to the enjoyment of the occasion.

## Storm on Both Sides.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 13.—The weather bureau late this afternoon issued a special forecast as follows:

The first well defined disturbance of the present season is approaching the north Pacific coast and a West Indian storm is advancing toward our Southeastern coast. This combination should produce abundant rains in the drought stricken districts of north-central and east-central States before the close of the present week.

## HURRICANE SIGNALS UP.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Sweeping westward toward the Florida peninsula, the centre of the West Indian hurricane, which caused great damage at Turk's Island, was reported by the weather bureau tonight to be apparently approaching the east coast of southern Florida. In anticipation of this movement, hurricane warnings were ordered put out in Florida Saturday.

Storm warnings were ordered tonight for the entire Florida peninsula.

The many friends and patrons of the Farmers' Bank & Trust Company will be pleased to see by its statement of condition elsewhere that the institution is prospering and gradually enlarging its volume of business along safe and conservative lines.

## Railroad Assessments Reduced Nearly \$2,000,000--Penalty on Chesterfield & Lancaster Road for Non-return.

Columbia special in Charleston Sunday News: The State board of assessors has completed its work of assessing the railroad property of the State, having adjourned yesterday afternoon after a two days' session. The board made reductions in the assessments of the trunk lines, due to the decrease in business and valuations generally on account of the panic of last fall. The total railroad assessment for 1907 was \$43,527,148, and for 1908 it will be \$41,774,896.

The Chesterfield and Lancaster Road has made no return for taxation this year at all, though several times notified to do so, and the board placed on the eighteen miles which was assessed last year at \$2,500 per mile, the penalty of fifty per cent for non-return, in addition to the assessment of last year; on the line from Ruby to Pageland, completed within the year, an assessment of \$2,000 per mile was made, with the penalty of 50 per cent.

## Official Returns in Recent Primary Tabulated--Smith's Majority 30,938.

Columbia special in the Charleston Sunday News: According to the official figures as transmitted to State Chairman Willie Jones by the county chairmen and the tabulations made by Chairman Jones and Secretary Bell, the majority for E. D. Smith is 30,938, which is the largest majority ever received by a candidate for the United States Senate in the Democratic primary in this State, and one of the largest on record for any office.

On the other hand the majority for Caughman is only 553, but Col. Caughman has broken the precedent in that he is the first member of the railroad commission to be re-elected after serving one full term of six years.

According to official figures there were cast for railroad commissioner ten thousand less votes than for United States Senator, and the vote for senator reached the total of 109,934, the highest second primary vote on record. The complete figures are as follows:

John Gory Evans 39,498, E. D. Smith 70,436.

Superintendent of Education, Stiles R. Mellichamp 48,468, J. E. Swearingen 61,379.

Railroad commissioner, Jas. Cansler 54,637, Banks L. Caughman 55,190.

Congress, 5th district, T. B. Butler 6,465, D. E. Finley 9,277.

## Convictions in the Mayor's Court.

Capers Caughen, col., was tried and convicted before Mayor Hughes Monday morning on the charge of selling whiskey. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 or serve 30 days on the chain gang. Being unable to raise the fine he goes to the gang. Four negroes, charged with gambling, who were arrested Saturday afternoon by Policeman Bell, were also convicted before the Mayor Monday. Each party was fined \$10.

Mr. M. W. Gladden, of this office, who has not been well for some time, went to Charlotte Sunday afternoon to consult a specialist, Dr. Nisbet.

## Eleven Negroes in Greenwood Jail Charged with Insurrection.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 14.—Eleven negroes arrested at Ninety-Six, S. C., are in jail at Greenwood today on the charge of insurrection, growing out of race friction. An intercepted letter revealed the fact that a band of negroes had been planning secretly at Ninety-Six to "shoot up" the town on Sunday Sept. 6th, but that the floods which caused the annulment of all freight trains had delayed the delivery of rifles to the negroes. Sheriff McGillan asserts that the evidence against the negroes is conclusive. There has been much friction between the races since the general election race riot near Ninety-Six ten years ago, when many negroes were killed.

Two years ago it was rumored that negroes were obtaining guns to use in an attack on white citizens, but the merchant who it was found sold the guns furnished the names of those who bought them, and all the guns were collected.

Four weeks ago Joseph Tolbert, a white Republican, was run out of Ninety-Six at a election, and it is said that the intercepted letter mentioned as marked by the names of those most against Tolbert 98c. 5, at 88c.

## Two Cotton Fires in Hill Sunday Morning.

Rock Hill special in Moseley, Etc., Charlotte Observer: 4:30 o'clock this morning alarm of fire was sounding from the Hamilton mill. The firemen made a run, considering the found the fire to be in ton warehouse on Wh and near the Cahart nter a stubborn fight the got under control but over 300 bales were more or less, many about an average loss bale, which was fully insurance. This cotton mostly to planters that consistent stored in Mr. Eason's warehouse. The firemen through coping with the when another alarm was ed. This proved to be a fire a box car which was loaded cotton for shipment, consigned by Mr. J. T. Roddey, and on the siding near the freight depot.

The firemen responded to this call and did good work in putting the blaze out and rolling the cotton into the street. This cotton was not damaged quite as much as that in the first fire and will average probably \$5 a bale.

## Death of Mr. W. T. Shehane, Sr.

Mr. W. T. Shehane, Sr., a well known citizen of the eastern portion of the county, died last Sunday afternoon of fever, at his home in the Rich Hill section. He was about 48 years of age and leaves a widow, formerly Miss Mattie Blackmon, daughter of Mr. J. A. P. Blackmon, and several children, among them Mrs. Ben Catoe, Mrs. Robert Twitty, Mrs. Grover Couch and Messrs. James and Earle Shehane. Mr. Shehane was a member of the Baptist church. The remains were buried Monday at Fork Hill, the Rev. R. E. Small, of Heath Springs, conducting the funeral services.